

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Cedric “The Entertainer” and his foundation, The Cedric “The Entertainer” Charitable Foundation (CTECF), which provides scholarships and outreach programs to enhance the lives of inner-city youth and their families in his hometown of St. Louis, Missouri; and

Whereas, Cedric has celebrated many career successes spanning print media, television, live performances and films; and

Whereas, in 2001, a viewing audience of 144 million saw Cedric star in the Bud Light commercial that landed in the number-one spot during the Super Bowl broadcast, and subsequently, USA Today dubbed him “Madison Avenue’s Most Valuable Player”; and

Whereas, Cedric has been honored with such prestigious recognitions as The Aftra Award of Excellence in Television Programming for his Fox Television series “Cedric The Entertainer Presents ...”, a record-breaking four consecutive NAACP Image awards for “Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series” for his portrayal of the lovable “Coach Cedric Robinson” on the WB’s number-one-rated “The Steve Harvey Show”, which ran for six seasons; and

Whereas, now helming his own production company, A Bird and a Bear Entertainment, Credic develops and produces features, and “Johnson Family Vacation” was the first feature under this new company; and

Whereas, founded in 1996 by Cedric and his sister Sharita Kyles Wilson, CTECF is committed to enhancing the lives of youth and family, with two principle goals: providing moral and financial support for youth and families by providing college scholarships and opportunities for educational travel, and reaching and assisting an increasing number of youth and families via collaborations and partnerships with other corporations, organizations, and individuals who value and support CTECF’s efforts; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our gratitude to Cedric, Sharita Kyles Wilson, and CTECF for their philanthropic efforts in St. Louis and for its citizens; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Cedric “The Entertainer”.

Offered by _____
Representative Robin Wright Jones
District No. 63

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker